

Addressing Homelessness in Light of COVID-19

What are our goals?

Immediate: Maintain the health and safety of the community & prevent community spread.

Longer-term: Prevent increase in homelessness.

Key Strategies & Actions

Support expanded hygiene and sanitation resources

- ♦ As of May 1, 2020, Pūnāwai Rest Stop is available 24/7.
- Use mobile hygiene facilities to serve areas lacking access to comfort stations and showers.
- Open all standalone park comfort stations & select specific locations for 24/7 operation.

Address resource needs of providers and city staff in a timely manner

- Regular and timely communications with collaborators and community.
- All efforts coordinated through the City Department of Emergency Management.

Provide quarantine/isolation facilities for those unable to self-quarantine

- Ka'aahi (The COVID-19 Temporary Quarantine & Isolation Center (TQIC).
- Lease hotel, hotel wings/floors, rooms for additional quarantine/isolation sites.
- Lease/Purchase properties with program and housing unit capacity.

Expand shelter capacity

- Use selected city parks and other facilities as sites for shelter overflow and expanded capacity.
- Provisional Outdoor Screening and Triage Facility (POST) facility: Red POST is located at Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park, and Blue POST is located at Lehua Community Park.

Homelessness Prevention

- ◆ Suspend termination of leases, evictions, and foreclosures due to loss of employment— Suspension extended to May 31, 2020.
- Strategic use of CARES Act funds.

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